

To: Kim Davies, Vice President ICANN IANA Services, President PTI

Date: 02 August 2023

Dear Kim,

Thank you for your letter dated 13 July 2023. I have shared it with my fellow Council members and we had a preliminary discussion on 20 July 2023.

At that meeting we concluded that as ccNSO or ccNSO Council we do not have a formal role with respect to the specific case of .LB, other than expressing our appreciation to you for informing us.

We also agreed to look further into the possible gaps in policies and/or practices that apply to ccTLDs, and if so discuss at a later stage whether the ccNSO has a role to play to bridge any identified gaps, and in that case how.

As we are at a preliminary phase of our discussion we would appreciate it if you would be willing and available to provide additional information on the situation identified in your letter or related ones.

Alongside such specific examples, we would also invite you to share any analysis you have at hand about any issues with the global policies that apply to ccTLDs within ICANN - for example, any gaps in the framework, any issues not clearly dealt with - as input for the ccNSO Council's consideration of any subsequent work.

Any such analysis would be treated as working input by the Council, not treated as IANA, PTI or ICANN advancing a position on the matters included. We note this to encourage your 'free and frank' sharing of any information or perspective with us.

Thank you, kind regards,

Alejandra Reynoso
ccNSO Council Chair